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Please find below and/or attached an Office communication concerning this application or proceeding.

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A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.  - Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.13 after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.  - If the period for reply specified above is less than thirty (30) days, a reply - If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period of Failure to reply within the set or extended period for reply will, by statute - Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).  Status	36(a). In no event, however, may a reply be ting within the statutory minimum of thirty (30) day will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from a cause the application to become ABANDONE	nely filed  rs will be considered timely. the mailing date of this communication. D (35 U.S.C. § 133).					
1) Responsive to communication(s) filed on	<u>_</u> .						
2a) This action is <b>FINAL</b> . 2b) Th	is action is non-final.						
3) Since this application is in condition for allowated closed in accordance with the practice under							
Disposition of Claims	Ex parte Quayre, 1000 C.D. 11,	700 0.0. 210.					
4) Claim(s) 1-96 is/are pending in the application	<b>).</b>						
4a) Of the above claim(s) is/are withdraw	wn from consideration.						
5) Claim(s) is/are allowed.	Claim(s) is/are allowed.						
6) Claim(s) is/are rejected.	3) Claim(s) is/are rejected.						
7) Claim(s) is/are objected to.	Claim(s) is/are objected to.						
8) Claim(s) <u>1-96</u> are subject to restriction and/or	election requirement.						
Application Papers							
9)☐ The specification is objected to by the Examine							
10) The drawing(s) filed on is/are: a) acce							
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).							
11) The proposed drawing correction filed on is: a) approved b) disapproved by the Examiner.							
If approved, corrected drawings are required in reply to this Office action.  12) The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner.							
Priority under 35 U.S.C. §§ 119 and 120	amilier.						
	n priority under 35 H S C & 110/s	a)_(d) or (f)					
13) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f). a) All b) Some * c) None of:							
, , ,	s have been received						
<u> </u>	<ul> <li>1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.</li> <li>2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No</li> </ul>						
3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage							
application from the International Bu * See the attached detailed Office action for a list	reau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).						
14) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for domest	ic priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(	e) (to a provisional application).					
<ul> <li>a)  The translation of the foreign language pro</li> <li>15)  Acknowledgment is made of a claim for domest</li> </ul>							
Attachment(s)	_						
1) Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) 2) Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) 3) Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449) Paper No(s)	5) Notice of Informal	y (PTO-413) Paper No(s) Patent Application (PTO-152)					
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## **DETAILED ACTION**

## Election/Restrictions

1. This application contains claims directed to the following patentably distinct species of the claimed invention: Internet (claims1 and 6), subsidized ads and e-mails (claims 3, 5 and 7-15), plurality of ad servers(claims 16,17), displaying the ads (claims 19-29 and 31-32), identifying the storage location (claims 18, 30 and 33)downloading sessions for the ads (claim 34), image of the ads (claims 35, 36), cookie containing client information (37-40, 42-45, 47, 48, 50-53, 68-72, 86 and 87), merging of the datafield (claim 46), identity of the software installed (claims 49, 59-62), statistics for the advertisements that were displayed (claim 67), playlist check interval (claims 73-77), ad history (claim 79), identifying if the client device can be mixed with the other playlists(claim 83), identifying the selection of the advertisements (claims 84-85), creating ad click web page (claims 88-90 and 94), creating user friendly title for each ad,(claims 92-93), creating an ad type for each ad, plurality of playlists(claims 95, 96).

Applicant is required under 35 U.S.C. 121 to elect a single disclosed species for prosecution on the merits to which the claims shall be restricted if no generic claim is finally held to be allowable. Currently, claim 1 is generic.

Applicant is advised that a reply to this requirement must include an identification of the species that is elected consonant with this requirement, and a listing of all claims readable thereon, including any claims subsequently added. An argument that a claim

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is allowable or that all claims are generic is considered nonresponsive unless accompanied by an election.

Upon the allowance of a generic claim, applicant will be entitled to consideration of claims to additional species which are written in dependent form or otherwise include all the limitations of an allowed generic claim as provided by 37 CFR 1.141. If claims are added after the election, applicant must indicate which are readable upon the elected species. MPEP § 809.02(a).

Should applicant traverse on the ground that the species are not patentably distinct, applicant should submit evidence or identify such evidence now of record showing the species to be obvious variants or clearly admit on the record that this is the case. In either instance, if the examiner finds one of the inventions unpatentable over the prior art, the evidence or admission may be used in a rejection under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) of the other invention.

## **Point of contact**

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Raquel Alvarez whose telephone number is (703)305-0456. The examiner can normally be reached on 9:00-5:00.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Eric w Stamber can be reached on (703)305-8469. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is (703) 872-9306.

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Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the receptionist whose telephone number is (703)308-

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